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Government servants

* 34 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government servants who have married a second spouse when the first spouse is alive; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) The time and labour involved in the collection of the information will not be commensurate with the public interest that it may serve.

(b) Any punishment prescribed in the Madras Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, from censure to dismissal, may be imposed upon a Government servant who commits a breach of rule 19 of the Madras Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, may I know whether the Government have received any complaints so far in this matter?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no information. If any specific complaint is referred to, then we can look into it.

Dr. A SREENIVASAN : Is it necessary that the aggrieved party should send a complaint to the Government or can a third party invite the attention of the Government to matters like this?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, normally we would not like a third person to interfere in domestic matters. (Laughter). Perhaps, the House is not aware of the question which the hon. Member has put. If any person marries another spouse when one is already living, the person, if he is a Government servant, is liable to be punished under the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. Naturally the person affected should make a complaint to the Government.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, knowing the mentality of the Hindu wives, does the Hon. Minister expect the Hindu wife, to complain to the Government, unless it is done by one of the relatives of the first wife?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Well, if people do not want to complain, they have to take the consequences.

Aluminium vessels

* 35 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any communique about the injuriousness of the aluminium vessels marketed in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the manufacturers of the aluminium vessels in this regard; and

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(*d*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) & (*b*) It was brought to the notice of the Government that the Madhya Pradesh Government had issued a Press Note stating that the Tariff Commission had considered that the aluminium utensils manufactured by some of the small-scale industries after collecting aluminium scrap and remelting them and whose composition was doubtful might be dangerous to health. The Director of Public Health advised that a similar Press Note might be issued by the Madras Government. Accordingly the Government after consulting the Director of Industries and Commerce, issued a Press Release on 13th February 1962 advising the public about the desirability of purchasing aluminium utensils which have the Indian Standard Institution Mark.

(*c*) & (*d*) No representation has been received by Government since the publication of the Press Release.

Local Library Authorities

* 36 *Q*.—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the criteria for the appointment of members of the Local Library Authorities in Chingleput district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to appoint certain number of Members of Legislature as members of the Local Library Authority?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The provisions of sub-section (3) of section 5 of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948. regulate the constitution of Local Library Authorities of the District, including the Local Library Authority, Chingleput.

(*b*) No, Sir

(எ) மாவட்ட நூல் நிலைய சபைக்கு யார்யார் நியமிக்கப் படுவது என்பதைப்பற்றி சென்னை பப்ளிக் லைப்ரரி சட்டம் என்று 1948-ல் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதில் 5வது செக்ஷன் 3வது உட்பிரிவின்படி மாவட்ட கமிட்டிக்கு எவ்வாறு நியமிக்கபடுவது என்று இருக்கிறது. அதில் செங்கற்பட்டு மாவட்ட லைப்ரரி அத்தாரிட்டிக்கும் அதன்படி நியமிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

(பி) இல்லை.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR: சட்டத்தில் ஏற் படுத்தியிருக்கிற மாதிரி அங்கத்தினர்கள் சேர்த்தால், அது வளர்ச் சிக்குத் தடையாக இருக்கவில்லையா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இந்த மன்றம் சட்டம் செய்கிறது. சட்டத்திற்கு உட்பட்டு சர்க்கார் நடக்கிறது.

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